

GOOD ROADS IN VIRGINIA: WHAT THEY MEAN AND WHAT IS BEING DONE TO SECURE THEM

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ANOTHER LINK IN GOOD ROAD CHAIN

Past Week Has Seen Telling Work Done in State's Great Campaign.

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Another link in the good roads chain was welded during the past week by the Virginia Good Roads Association, which is conducting a campaign stirring the people throughout the State to stop paying the most expensive tax imposed upon them (the mud tax) and to start the machinery of their counties for permanent roads and to co-operate with other counties in securing additional legislation for State aid for permanent improvements of the roads. The several methods adopted by the association are proving very effective, and if they secure the hearty co-operation of the good road advocates in the State they will solve the most economic question that faces Virginia to-day.

Meetings of Week.

Vice-President Charles T. Lassiter, who is directing the affairs of the association, is touring the State and assisting in the formation of local associations, held two meetings during the past week. On Monday he spoke at Nansemond Courthouse, in Suffolk, where he formed a local association, with the assistance of President Robert W. Williams, who is a co-president of the Williams-Lassiter series of good road bills; Secretary H. L. Harwood and Assistant Secretary George W. Rogers.

The Suffolk Association was formed with about sixty members, with the following officers: L. A. Dean, of Churchland, president; W. I. Pells, of Holland, vice-president for Holy Neck District; C. T. Minton, of Everetts, vice-president for Chatham District; Frank Wright, of Deans, vice-president for Shenandoah District; F. R. Elliott, of Williamsburg, vice-president for York District; C. A. Shoop, vice-president for Suffolk, and E. W. Smith, of Beaufort, secretary and treasurer.

Speaks at Culpeper.

Mr. Lassiter spoke at Culpeper yesterday. His services are in great demand, and he is receiving requests from every section of the State, many places wanting him almost at the same time. He will visit as many counties as possible before the farmers become busy planting, after which he will have to wait until the county fairs and bar-becues season sets in.

The following is a list of his engagements already planned:

Washington, D. C., March 15 (banquet Southern Commercial Congress).
Dinwiddie Courthouse, March 16.
Petersburg—Meeting of Chesterfield citizens in regard to an improvement of the turnpike, March 16.
Petersburg—Meeting of Petersburg citizens for the Armstrong road fund, March 17.
Lynchburg—At Kenbridge, March 19.
Houston, Halifax county, March 22.
Franklin, March 23.
Botetourt, March 24.
Orange, March 25.
Amelia, April 3.
Accomac and Northampton, April 5 and 6.

While Mr. Lassiter is on the platform, his associates are busy with the other various duties connected with the association campaign.

Scenes of Replies.

Secretary Harwood is receiving scores of replies from the doctors and school teachers who were asked to co-operate in conducting the campaign of education. A number of teachers are conducting a series of talks on good roads and a number of pupils have submitted essays on the value of good roads and their relation to education.

The negro teachers are manifesting considerable interest in the work the association has undertaken, and have organized the negro branch of the Virginia Good Roads Association, and are appealing to their race to contribute to the cause through one of the negro banks, which will forward the funds to Mr. Lassiter. Their appeal is made through a strong circular.

The doctors are also enthusiastic in the work, and are rapidly responding to the association's letter, stating that they will do anything in reason to secure better roads. One doctor writes: "Better roads will permit us to make more visits and will help our patients in securing medical aid, instead of taking chances with home remedies."

The legislative committee is securing all information pertaining to road laws of other States, and the possible increase in revenues the State may derive by increased taxation upon automobiles, vehicles and by all other methods.

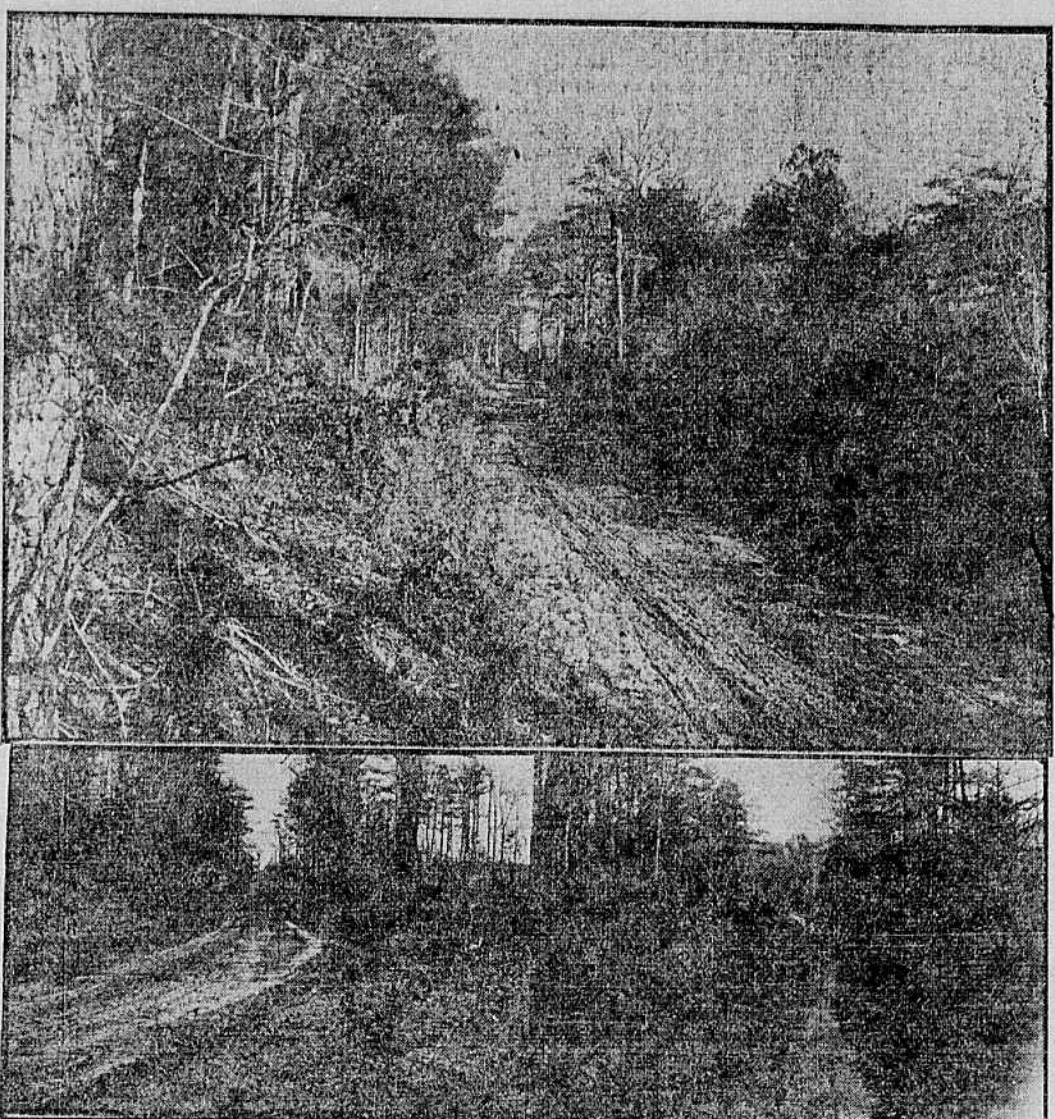
Question of Finance.

The executive committee is wrestling with the most serious part of the work outlined by the recent convention, that of how to secure sufficient finance to keep up the work. While several thousand dollars was pledged on the floor of the convention, a very small portion of it has been paid in. If every good road advocate in the State would contribute \$1 towards the cause the association would be in a position to do anything in reason pertaining to good roads.

The publicity department is waging a campaign in the following ten counties: Buchanan, Greene, Gloucester, James City, King George, Middlesex, Northampton, Northumberland, Patrick and York, which failed to take advantage of the aid offered by the State. The State press is aiding very richly in this work, and it is likely that a number of members of the boards of supervisors and other officers will be called upon to explain why they have manifested such an indifference along this line.

State Highway Commissioner Wilson is the busiest officer in the State, and his corps of assistants has to turn the candle at both ends in order to keep up the increased work in this department, which is due to the seed planted at the convention held in this city last month.

Picturesque Scenes on Road From Williamsburg to Yorktown



SENATOR STRODE HIGHLY PLEASED

He Praises the Good Roads Work Which Has Been Done in Amherst.

The following letter has been written by Senator Aubrey E. Strode to P. St. J. Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, praising the work for good roads in Amherst county:

Captain P. St. J. Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, Richmond, Va.:
My Dear Sir,—Court engagements have delayed my acknowledgment of your letter of the 29th ult, asking for comment upon the permanently improved roads recently constructed in Amherst county.

In reply I beg to say that with the proceeds of an \$80,000 bond issue, voted by the people of Amherst county, together with the State aid of a convoluted contract, the road was let for two years ago for the macadamizing of some twenty-two miles of the main highways leading from Amherst county to the city of Lynchburg, the roads chosen being the road from Amherst Courthouse to Lynchburg, fourteen miles, with a spur leaving this road about four miles from Lynchburg and extending westward toward Pedlar district about seven miles.

Up to this time some six miles of the above roads have been completed, while some work has been done on several miles more, not yet completed. Exclusive of the first mile out of Lynchburg, which was excessively expensive because of extraordinary conditions, the average cost of the balance of the road will be between \$4,000 and \$5,000 per mile, including grading and including a new location of some seven or eight miles upon better grades and near to stone.

Though we now have in use only about one-third of the macadam road for which the contract has been let, I believe that if the vote were to be taken upon the bond issue in the light of the experience of the people of the county with the road already constructed, the majority in favor of the bond issue would be largely increased.

In the present state of our dirt roads, which are not below the average in Virginia, it requires four horses to pull to the macadam road a load which one horse might readily pull over the macadam. I recently heard one substantial citizen and taxpayer of the county say that for his part, after having made one trip to market over this road, he would be entirely willing to bear the increased taxation, notwithstanding the fact that he now lives ten miles from the terminus of the road so far as constructed, and will be several miles

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SOME AWAITING COURT'S ACTION

Others Are Going Ahead With the Campaign for Good Roads.

DECISION ON WARD LAW

Believed That Will Have No Effect on Counties With Special Acts.

While the eyes of a large number of good road advocates throughout the State are turned upon the Supreme Court of Appeals, waiting for the opinion of the court on the Ward law before agitating a bond issue, other sections of the State are paying no attention to the law. This is due to the laws passed by former Legislatures in reference to road laws of the various counties.

Seventy-three counties of the State have special laws relating to bonds and taxes to be levied for road improvements, and a large number of the bond elections voted upon during the past year were held under the special road laws of that county. State Senator Aubrey E. Strode in a recent interview in reference to the \$80,000 bond issue voted upon by Amherst county, said:

"It may be of interest to know that the special act under which the road bonds were issued in Amherst county had been in force for about ten years authorizing the supervisors to issue bonds at any time."

The following counties have adopted special road laws, and it is doubtful if the Ward law will affect them if the bond election was held under the laws adopted by them:
Albemarle, Alexandria, Alleghany, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Brunswick, Buchanan, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Carroll, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarke, Culpeper, Dinwiddie, Elizabeth City, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Floyd, Fluvanna, Giles, Gloucester, Goochland, Grayson, Greene, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Highland, James City, King George, King William, Lancaster, Loudoun, Madison, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Nansemond, Nelson, Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottingham, Orange, Page, Patrick, Prince Edward, Prince George, Princess Anne, Pulaski, Rappahannock, Richmond, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Russell, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Surry, Warren, Washington, Wythe.

Gladstone Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GLADSTONE, NELSON COUNTY, VA., March 13.—Saturday evening while Master Walter Capell was playing with his father's revolver, it was accidentally discharged, the ball striking his brother, Reese, inflicting a flesh wound in his arm. He was attended by Dr. Percy Harris, and is doing nicely.

Miss Addie Candler, of Lynchburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. E. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wright are visiting friends at Riverdale.

W. B. Megginson, of Roanoke, was a visitor in town last week.
Miss Pearl Ross, of Lynchburg, is at the Gladstone.

Mr. J. Payne Massie and Mrs. C. D. Mundy are spending several days in Lynchburg.

Mr. J. E. Capell, Master Curtis and daughter, Mary, attended the inauguration.

Miss Ann Pamplin, who has been quite sick, is convalescent.
Annisted Harris has returned from a business trip to Lynchburg.

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WHAT CONSTITUTES QUALIFICATIONS?

Educators Differ as to What Makes "Expert Superintendent of Schools."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 13.—I have followed the discussion on expert superintendents for our schools with no little interest. All the writers on the subject agree that experts are desired to fill these positions, but there is a vast difference of opinion as to what qualifications enter into the composition of an expert. I understand that some believe that training in law is necessary; some believe that a knowledge of medicine is a requisite, and others affirm that experience, which has been acquired in the office as a superintendent makes one efficient. If a man could be an efficient lawyer, doctor and preacher at the same time, and if the qualifications which enter into these professions could be applied in the work of an administrative officer of schools, then, and only then, would the argument of these men be valid. Again, the days of apprenticeship are passed, and the man who has had to depend upon his own resources in preparing himself to fill a position upon which so much depends by this long and tedious method, is no more capable than the lawyer or doctor or preacher who has acquired his knowledge in the same way. Do not understand me to say that a man cannot become very capable and efficient when thrown upon his own resources, but it is reasonable to suppose that he will not be equal to the man who has had special training in the work he is to take up. Those who expect to be capable and efficient lawyers, doctors or preachers will be satisfied with anything less than the best training possible, which is supposed to fit them for their respective vocations. The training most desired and most sought after is given in our colleges and universities and acquired by those pursuing a course of study which is intended to prepare them for the particular vocation chosen. If those who are pleading for the lawyer, doctor or preacher superintendent, and who are saying that the qualifications of an expert superintendent are found in these professions, will study the problems that confront a different conclusion in the matter.

The man who has pursued a certain course of study which has been planned by experts in the particular profession that he has chosen, and to which he expects to give his best talent and time, ought to be better prepared to do the work pertaining to that profession than the man who has had training in some other profession. There would be little sense in the lawyer saying to the preacher, "I know how to prepare and to preach a sermon as well as you, or for the preacher to say to the doctor, "I can diagnose and treat a case, coming directly under his profession, as well as you." Yet this is the absurd fallacy which is found in the arguments of some of those who are writing on this question.

System Complex.
Our educational system has become so complex that it is impossible for one man to understand all its ramifications. It has its medical side, which must have its carefully trained physician; its architectural side, which must have its experienced and trained architect; its administrative and supervisory sides, which must have trained men in order that the very best results may be obtained for the outlay of money. The expert superintendent will look to the expert physician to do his part, and to the expert lawyer when it comes to a point in law. It is preposterous to expect a man to be expert in the administration of school affairs through a study of law, medicine, theology and architecture.

But we do claim that the expert superintendent will know that part of these subjects which bears directly upon his work as an administrative officer. He will know the school laws, school architecture, school hygiene and school theology to the point where he may supervise efficiently these phases of school work. The expert lawyer is deficient when it comes to a point in architecture or hygiene with reference to a school building; the same is true of a physician in architecture, but may know more about what is true with reference to the health of the school child.

Then we come to the point, what are the essential qualifications which enter into the composition of an expert superintendent? We answer by saying that they are an adequate knowledge of (a), school law; (b), school hygiene; (c), school hygiene; (d), school furniture and equipment. We mean by adequate knowledge that knowledge which will enable one to make as near as possible an ideal situation with the means at hand. We believe none of these more important than experience as a teacher and a knowledge of methods which are as essential to the man supervising schoolroom work as a knowledge of symptoms of diseases is to the physician.

Professionally Trained.
We are trying to make clear the point that the man who has pursued a course of study which is meant to cover and to bear directly upon these phases of school work is as professionally trained for his work as the lawyer, the doctor or the preacher are trained for theirs. The time has come when the school man must know the technique of his subject as well as the man in any other profession. Men of other professions must step aside and give him wider fields in which he may exercise his powers. If this is not so, then abolish the departments of education in our colleges and universities, because to take a course in law, medicine or theology or a general college course without any professional training is better preparation for the man who is to enter this most important field of labor. When will society recognize the professionally trained

man who has prepared himself and stands ready to enter this field? C. B.

Onancock Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ONANCOCK, VA., March 13.—Miss Anne E. Hopkins is home from a two week visit to Mrs. Frank E. Gilman, of West Grace Street, Richmond.

Miss Frances Thornton, of Bowling Green, in the guest of Mrs. George Leake.

Miss Sarah E. Maples has returned from a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Wallace W. Woodward, of Hampton.
Miss Helen J. Warren, who teaches at Bird's Nest, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Warren, on Kerr Street.
Miss Nannie E. Watson spent several days in Pocahontas City this week.

Mrs. G. Fred Kelly left Monday for Eastville, where she will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Scott.

Lloyd J. Meider, of Edenton, N. C., was in town this week.

Mrs. Charlotte E. Taylor left for Staunton Thursday. She will visit her daughter, Mrs. Judge W. A. Quarles, Mrs. Ethel Larnour, who has acted as stenographer for the Eastern States Assurance Company for the past fourteen months, left for her home, in Portsmouth, Monday. She will be married April 5 to H. U. Boyden, of Marathon, N. Y. Miss Larnour has made a number of friends in Onancock, and many good wishes attend her. She was given a linen shower, Friday evening.

Captain Webster Marshall is visiting his mother at Maria Market.

Mrs. Gordon Beecher and two children, and Miss Ethel Robinson, of Baltimore, are at "Willow Bank," guest of Mrs. and Mrs. J. T. Gentry.

Mrs. Oscar M. Chandler, of Mapesville, is visiting her father, Mr. A. W. Nock, Captain and Mrs. William L. Adams entertained Friday at their home in honor of Miss Edna Grant, of Philadelphia.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss G. A. Hammond and M. Bell, of Hagerstown, Md., March 16. Miss Lilly Hill and Miss Sarah Peck, of Onancock, were entertained Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. James Martin Burch. Refreshments were served, and a string band furnished delightful music.

Boykins Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BOYKINS, VA., March 13.—Frank Beaton, of Greenville, N. C., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Beaton.

Misses May Taylor and Helen Bowen, of Onancock, N. C., spent last week with Mrs. S. D. Beaton.

J. D. Hart was in Richmond a part of last week.
Mrs. S. D. Howell and little girl, of Onancock, N. C., were guests last week of Mrs. J. D. Hart.

Miss Lina S. Bryant, of Norfolk, spent several days of the past week with Mrs. F. B. Beaton.

The Methodist Church had a bazaar last week, and made \$350.
Miss Ida Prince, of Emporia, is a visitor of Mrs. B. B. Beaton.

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